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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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NEW TECHNOLOGY TO SAVE FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scientist from Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore hasinvented a new technique to save the foodgrains in various Food Corporation of India godowns, which are getting damaged;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to propagate this technology; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) The government is not aware of any such new technology invented by Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) Mysore.However, the CFTRI, Mysore hasbeen involved in development and providing assistance in application of techniques for safe storage of foodgrains. The techniques include fumigation with use of chemical fumigants such as phosphine and carbon-di-oxide for control of insect infestation and good storage practices.

The Food Corporation of India (FCI) also practices fumigatiortechniques in their godowns to protect the stored foodgrains from insect infestation.